



Cottonwood Police Department Press Release

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For Immediate Release

Police Rescue Suicidal subject from 2nd story balcony.

On January 17, 2015, Officers were dispatched to a report of a male subject, later identified as 55 year old Cottonwood resident, Terry Moffatt, who had been complaining of having personal issues and wanting to hang himself. Dispatchers were told on the 911 line by Moffat that he already had a rope tied around his neck and was over the edge of a second story balcony. Moffat initially refused to provide any information as to his location or name. The phone call with dispatch lasted approximately 8 minutes where Moffat refused to provide any information until approximately 5 minutes into the call, where he then told the dispatcher he was located at Catholic Social Services. Upon officers arriving on scene Moffat was located sitting on a hand rail of a second story staircase outside of Catholic Social Services. Moffat picked up the rope and showed officers it was tied around his neck. Officers were able to cut the rope just prior to Moffat attempting to jump off the railing. Officers were able to grab ahold of Moffat's arms, as he was now on the outside of the railing, and not let him fall to the ground level, where he was then carried back over the railing and to safety with the assistance of several officers. Moffat was taken to Verde Valley Medical Center for evaluation where a doctor then cleared him for jail as he had an outstanding warrant for his arrest.

Drugs located in vehicle during traffic stop.

On January 16, 2014, 55 year old Jeff Roger Ave of Cottonwood, was arrested for numerous drug charges after a traffic stop and subsequent K-9 search of his vehicle revealed 7.4 grams of Methamphetamine, 14.8 grams of "China White" Heroin, and 14.9 grams of "Black

Tar” Heroin. Ave’s vehicle was stopped in the area of Highway 260 and Del Rio Drive after a Cottonwood Officer observed the vehicle he was traveling in speeding in excess of 15 miles an hour. During the stop the officer observed behavior from Ave and 2 other passenger’s which led him to believe the vehicle may contain drugs or other contraband. The Cottonwood Police Department K-9 was requested and alerted on the presence of Narcotics. A search of the vehicle revealed the Heroin and Methamphetamine with a value of approximately \$5,400.00. Ave was booked into the YCSO jail but bonded out over the weekend on a \$2,500.00 Bond.





